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July 1 U.S. Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2010, totaled 100.8 million head, 1 percent below the 102.0 million head on July 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.8 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.7 million head, and beef replacement heifers, at 4.4 million head, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Inventory of milk cows on July 1, 2010 at 9.1 million head, were down 1 percent from last July. All heifers, including beef and milk replacements and other heifers 500 pounds and over, were down 1 percent from a year ago at 16.1 million head. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.1 million head, was up 3 percent from last year. Other heifers, at 7.7 million head, and steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 14.3 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over at, 2.1 million head, was unchanged from last year. Calves under 500 pounds, at 27.5 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, at 12.0 million head, were up 3 percent from July a year ago.